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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - CALL BY ROMANIAN SPECIAL ENVOY. (SS NO. 7525490).
FOR SECRETARY FROM HARTMAN.
1. PROBLEM: AMBASSADOR BOGDAN, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM BUCHAREST, HAS ASKED WHETHER YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BETWEEN JANUARY 6 AND 10 WHO WISHES TO COMMUNICATE CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS, INCLUDING MATTERS RELATED TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, WHOSE NAME WAS NOT KNOWN TO BOGDAN, ALSO WISHES TO DISCUSS ISSUES COMING BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. BACKGROUND: ROMANIA HAS TAKEN A CLOSE INTEREST IN MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS AND IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD A DEFINITIVE SOLUTION OF THE
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ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUES, INCLUDING THE PROBLEM OF THE PALESTI-

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NIANS. ROMANIA HAS BEEN UNDER INCREASING ARAB PRESSURE BECAUSE OF ITS CONTINUED RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL. AS OF JANUARY 1, 1976, ROMANIA ASSUMES THE EASTERN EUROPEAN SEAT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

3. SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON WILL BE IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 7-8, IF YOU AGREE TO SEE THE ROMANIAN IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DO SO AFTER THAT TIME.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU AGREE, IN PRINCIPLE, TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S SPECIAL ENVOY.

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THAT, IF YOU AGREE, YOUR STAFF WILL SET UP AN APPOINTMENT DURING JANUARY 9-10 AFTER THE ALLON VISIT

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ALTERNATIVELY, THAT UNDERSECRETARY SISCO RECEIVE THE ROMANIAN SPECIAL ENVOY AFTER THE ALLON VISIT

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